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**UTILITY
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

1930.0100001

First Inventor

Hansong Zhang

Title

Method, System, and Computer Program Product for
Visibility Culling of Terrain

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 46]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 17]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program
(Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
ii. ☐ paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS
Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach
form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)
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Box Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. *to be assigned*; Filed: August 8, 2001
For: **Method, System, and Computer Program Product
for Visibility Culling of Terrain**

Inventor: Hansong Zhang
Our Ref: 1930.0100001

DUPLICATE

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method, System, and Computer Program Product for
Visibility Culling of Terrain**

and naming as inventor:

Hansong Zhang

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 37 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 8 pages of claims (27 claims - 9 independent claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 17 sheets of formal drawings: (Figures 1, 2, 3A-B, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7, 8A-D, 9A-B, and 10-15);
- c. An original executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
- d. Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*);
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
6. An original executed Assignment to Intrinsic Graphics, Inc., recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
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 - \$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee(s); and
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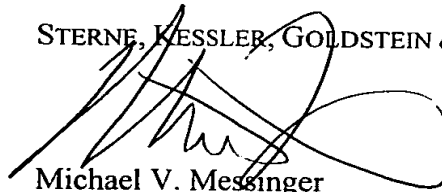
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
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106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

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	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Indep. Claims <u>9</u> - 3** = <u>6</u>	X 80.00	=	\$480.00
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,380	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,880	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
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126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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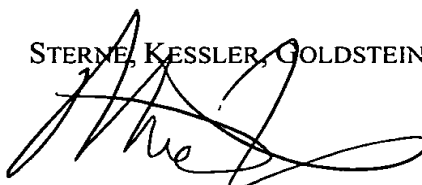
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